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Office Action Summary

Application No.

251,172

Examiner

Stephen J. Ramsey

Applicant(s)

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE _____ MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136, but an extension of time, however, may not be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply must be filed within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days; val the period specified above.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period for reply will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, result in the application being ABANDONED under 35 U.S.C. 133.
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may result in any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on _____.
- ☐ This action is FINAL. ☐ This action is non-final.
- ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 155 O.G. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are pending in the application.
- ☐ Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO 89-01)
- ☐ Notice of Draft Person's Patent Drawing Review (PTO 94-6)
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO 1449) Paper No(s) _____
- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO 119) Paper No. _____
- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO 152)
- ☐ Other _____

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Prior Art Rejections

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 1-44 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hodson et al in view of Benjamin et al. Hodson et al discloses tiling 4 or more emitter base plates, independently addressable, to provide a large area display with a fast display refresh rate. As shown by Benjamin et al, column 7, line 62 through column 8, line 21, it was also known in the display art to provide addressing of a monolithic display from opposite sides to increase the refresh rate. Thus the advantage of a fast refresh rate occurs whether or not the display is monolithic or not. Therefore, since it is well known that a monolithic display has certain advantages of manufacture, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the claimed invention to provide a field emission display with independent addressing from opposed sides as in Hodson et al in, with the difference in that the display is monolithic lieu of the tiled display of Hodson et al. The details of manufacture of the display as claimed are otherwise well known in the art.

Directions for Responses

Any formal response to this communication should be directed to examiner Kenneth Ramsey, Art Unit 2879, and either faxed to: 703-872-9318; or mailed to: Assistant Commissioner For Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

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Technical inquiries concerning this communication should be directed to Kenneth J. Ramsey, (703) 308-2324 (voice), (703) 746-4832 (fax).

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-308-0956.

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Kenneth J. Ramsey
Primary Examiner
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